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For: METHOD TO EFFICIENTLY DESCRIBE HARDWARE CONFIGURATION SETTINGS IN A
STANDARDIZED FORMAT

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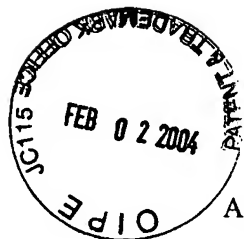
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir/Madam:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following preliminary amendment.